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Conmed Corporation  
Charles M. Hart  
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Re: K021079

Trade Name: ABCSnare Electrosurgical Probe for Flexible Endoscopes  
Regulation Number: 878.4400  
Regulation Name: Electrosurgical cutting and coagulation device and accessories;  
Regulatory Class: II  
Product Code: GEI  
Dated: March 28, 2002  
Received: April 3, 2002

Dear Mr. Hart:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

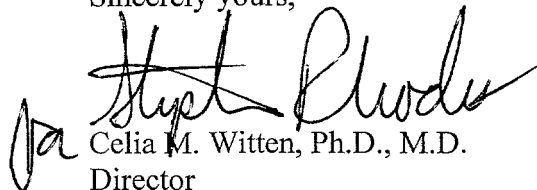
If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 21 CFR Part 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4659. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html>

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Celia M. Witten", is written over the typed name. To the left of the signature is a small, stylized handwritten mark that looks like "ja".

Celia M. Witten, Ph.D., M.D.

Director

Division of General, Restorative  
and Neurological Devices

Office of Device Evaluation

Center for Devices and

Radiological Health

Enclosure

510(k) Number (if known): K021079


Device Name: ABCSnare Electrosurgical Probe for Flexible Endoscopes

Indications for Use:

These devices are intended for use with argon beam and argon plasma coagulators as flexible polypectomy snares for the cutting, resection and non-contact coagulation of polyps in the digestive tract of the human body by use of high-frequency electrosurgical energy. The argon beam provides contact-free coagulation of bleeding sites that can arise after excision of polyps and ablation of remnants of polyps. The application takes place exclusively with an endoscope.


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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

  
(Division Sign-Off)

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Prescription Use   
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

OR

Over-The-Counter